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### **LDEQ accepting 2020 Environmental Leadership Program Award applications**

**BATON ROUGE** – Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is accepting applications for the 2020 Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) Awards. The ELP Awards commend members for their voluntary pollution prevention efforts, community environmental outreach initiatives and other activities that go above and beyond regulatory compliance to improve the environment.

The award categories include Pollution Prevention, Community Environmental Outreach, Environmental Ordinance & Enforcement and Environmental Management Systems. Projects must have concluded or had benefits realized in the 2019 calendar year to be eligible. Deadline for award applications is March 20.

Any member of the Louisiana Environmental Leadership Program is eligible to enter. It is not too late to join the program and submit a project as long as the project fits eligibility requirements. Eligible participants may submit multiple project entries and qualify to win multiple awards, based on the merit of each project. LDEQ Secretary Dr. Chuck Brown makes the final selection of award recipients based on selection panel recommendations. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, at 1 p.m. More details to follow.

There are many benefits to membership in the ELP. Primarily, members are recognized by their communities as an organization committed to maintaining and improving the quality of Louisiana's environment. ELP membership includes small, medium and large businesses, federal facilities, non-governmental organizations, schools and universities.

For more information about the ELP, please call 225- 219-0877, email [elp@la.gov](mailto:elp@la.gov), or visit the DEQ website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov/elp](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/elp).

To apply for the 2020 ELP awards, visit [www.deq.louisiana.gov/form/36](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/form/36).

To join the ELP program, visit [www.deq.louisiana.gov/form/ELPmembership](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/form/ELPmembership).

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